



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FOX *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/697,079

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For: **Methods and Compositions for
Cloning Nucleic Acid Molecules**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated February 10, 2003 (Paper No. 17), the finality of which is withdrawn by the filing of a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 concurrently herewith, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this

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application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.